

## **Report to Members on Activities on the period from 1st September 2022 to 31st August 2023**

The Trustees have pleasure in presenting the following report to members on the activities of Norfolk Camerata (CIO) during the year ending 31 August 2023. The Annual General Meeting is to be held as soon as practicable.

### **Objects of the Charitable Incorporated Organisation**

Norfolk Camerata is a Charitable Incorporated Organisation and a Registered Charity (number 1128746).

The Charity's object is to advance the education of the public in the Performing Arts and Choral Music in all its aspects by the presentation of public concerts and recitals and by such other ways as the trustees shall from time to time determine. The Charity's principal area of benefit will be those parts of the County of Norfolk, UK, to the east and north of Norwich.

Under the Constitution members elect Trustees from among the membership; they act as Trustees of the Charity.

### **Trustees of the Charity**

At the end of August 2022, the Trustees of the Charity were Mrs Maggie Smyth (Chairman), Mr J. Crispin Clark (Vice Chairman), Mrs Ros Peedle, Mrs Delia Malim Robinson (Registrar), Mrs Rosemary Jackson (Secretary), and Mr Gordon Powell (Treasurer).

### **Activities during the year**

Working to rebuild after the pandemic, the choir has been able to give 2 concert performances for the public. As this was deemed the choir's 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary year, it was decided to undertake a larger work than recent years with ensemble accompaniment. The piece selected was Britten's Cantata of St Nicolas. The performances were given in turn at St James' Church, Southrepps, and at St Nicholas Church North Walsham. In addition we were able to lead Carol singing at Barrington Farm in December, and lay on a performance of old favourites at a Cromer care home in July

## **Financial Review (2022/23)**

Under the oversight of the Treasurer, Gordon Powell, the Trustees can report that the balance sheet at the end of the year is fairly stable while showing a loss over the previous year. From the Statement of Financial Activities (SOFA) it can be seen that, whilst the year 2021/2022 showed a small surplus of £136.37, the situation is reversed in 2022/2023 with a deficit of income over expenditure of £1390.54 largely due to concert expenditure.

Our total income was £7301.37 and expenditure was £8691.91. The closing balance on the Current Account at 31/8/20 was £3108.67 We have a small Reserve Account, currently standing at £1072.80 which is held ring fenced against the possible need to wind up the Charity.

The Charity has experienced a renewed interest in membership and is still adding new members. We are currently slightly up on numbers by the end of the financial year.

The Trustees gratefully acknowledge the generosity of the Norfolk Community Foundation from whom a grant of £1000 was received. A donation was also received in memoriam of a member's wife who passed early in the year.

Gordon Powell 11.10.2023

## **Public Benefit**

Both the rehearsal programme and the public concerts are believed to satisfy the Charity Commission's Public Benefit test.

## **Reserves Policy.**

The Trustees aim to hold reserves equal to six months normal expenditure, to provide adequately against the risks of fluctuations in concert income. This target is not currently met and will be reviewed in the current year.

The attached accounts have been prepared to comply with the Charities Commission requirements. The low income level exempts us from requiring any external validation prior to submission.

On behalf of the Trustees: Rosemary A. Jackson 11.10.2023

Statement of Financial Activities for the year ending 31 August 2023					
	2023		2022		
<b>Income</b>					
<b>Voluntary Income</b>					
Sponsorship/grants	£1,500.00		£1,000.00		
Donations	£1,000.00		£510.17		
Friends/Benefactors					
<b>Total Voluntary Income</b>		<b>£2,500.00</b>		<b>£1,510.17</b>	
<b>Fundraising Activities</b>					
Fundraising generated by members (gross)					
<b>Total income from Fundraising Activities</b>					
<b>Charitable activities - educational- (rehearsals)</b>					
Members subscriptions	£3,423.00		£2,966.92		
Gift aid tax recovery					
Members' contributions towards costs of hire of music					
<b>Income from participating members - total</b>		<b>£3,423.00</b>		<b>£2,966.92</b>	
<b>Charitable activities - public performances</b>					
Come & Sing					
Other Concert admission charges (Nett)	£1,200.70		£200.00		
Sale of Programmes					
Sale of Refreshments	£142.83				
Sundry income and adjustments					
<b>Income from public performances - total</b>		<b>£1,343.53</b>		<b>£200.00</b>	
<b>Total Income from Charitable Activities</b>		<b>£4,766.53</b>		<b>£3,166.92</b>	
<b>Income from investments</b>					
Interest on deposits	£34.84				£4.20
<b>Total Income from investments</b>		<b>£34.84</b>			
<b>Total Income</b>		<b>£7,301.37</b>		<b>£4,681.29</b>	
<b>Expenditure</b>					
<b>Costs of Generating Voluntary Income</b>					
Publicity and Marketing (incl website)	£762.28	<b>£762.28</b>	£115.00	<b>£115.00</b>	
<b>Cost of Charitable activities - rehearsals</b>					
Director of Music	£2,170.00		£2,410.00		
Assistant Director of Music					
Piano purchase			£679.99		
Rehearsal venues	£775.00		£545.00		
<b>Costs of rehearsals - total</b>		<b>£2,945.00</b>		<b>£3,634.99</b>	
<b>Costs of Charitable activities - public performances</b>					
Artists fees and gifts	£4,481.18		£450.00		
Refreshments costs					
Concert Venue	£200.00		£151.93		
Printing					
Sundries					
PRS Fees (provision)					
<b>Cost of Public Performances - total</b>		<b>£4,681.18</b>		<b>£601.93</b>	
<b>Total costs of Charitable Activities</b>		<b>£7,626.18</b>		<b>£4,236.92</b>	
<b>Costs of Governance and Administration</b>					
Meetings venue					
Secretarial expenses					
Subscriptions (Making Music)	£228.45		£193.00		
Legal and professional					
Insurance					
Accountancy services (provision)					
Website subscription (Provision)	£75.00				
<b>Total Cost of Governance and Administration</b>		<b>£303.45</b>		<b>£193.00</b>	
<b>Total Expenditure</b>		<b>£8,691.91</b>		<b>£4,544.92</b>	
<b>Nett Balance</b>		<b>-£1,390.54</b>		<b>£136.37</b>	